

orce And Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocahontas County.
LUMBER¹ Up And Down Mill-

Between 1830 and 40 David Gibson of Elk built an Up And Down Mill on the Old Field Fork near where Robert Gibson now lives this was operated by him for sometime at this location but in later years his son William moved it to the run near Marys Chappell and it was operated here for sometime and about 1885 Samuel Gibson moved it to the Big Spring fork near where the state road crosses this stream and it was operated here by (Sam) for 6 or 7 yrs this was just above Slaty Fork. Land owned at that time by Hugh & Rachel Sh

James Gibson who is 86 years old tells me some of the older houses and other buildings on Elk we built from lumber sawed on this mill by some of the Gibsons, this mill did custom sawing and the logs were brought in by oxen and either sled or by wagon. Harry Sheltons house was sawed on this mill at one of it's locations, a corn and flour mill were operated at the last set in connection with the sawmill and the corn rocks are there today but not in running shape.

In 1880 Samuel Gibson then a great bear and deer hunter Whip Sowed enough lumber on Gauley Mountain to build three hunting camps and he informs me that the mountain people on Gauley Whip Sowed lumber to seal their log cabins before this as these were the pioneer settlers of that section.

About 1875 John Hannah built Up & Down mill on old Field Fork of Elk just above Slaty Fork where William Gibson lives in later years this mill was run by Shell Hannah and last by Andrew Hannah they did custom sawing for the farmers on Elk .

About 1881 Samuel Gibson bought a circular mill in Randolph Co. and set it just above Slaty Fork to saw for a man by the name of McGill of Penns. this was skidded by James Gibson and when completed they had cut 300,000 this land was later bought by The W. Va. Pulp And Paper Co. of Cass and operated by them. Gibsons operation was mostly cherry.

Information. James-Robert-Samuel-and William Gibson. Marlinton. W. Va. Elk Route.

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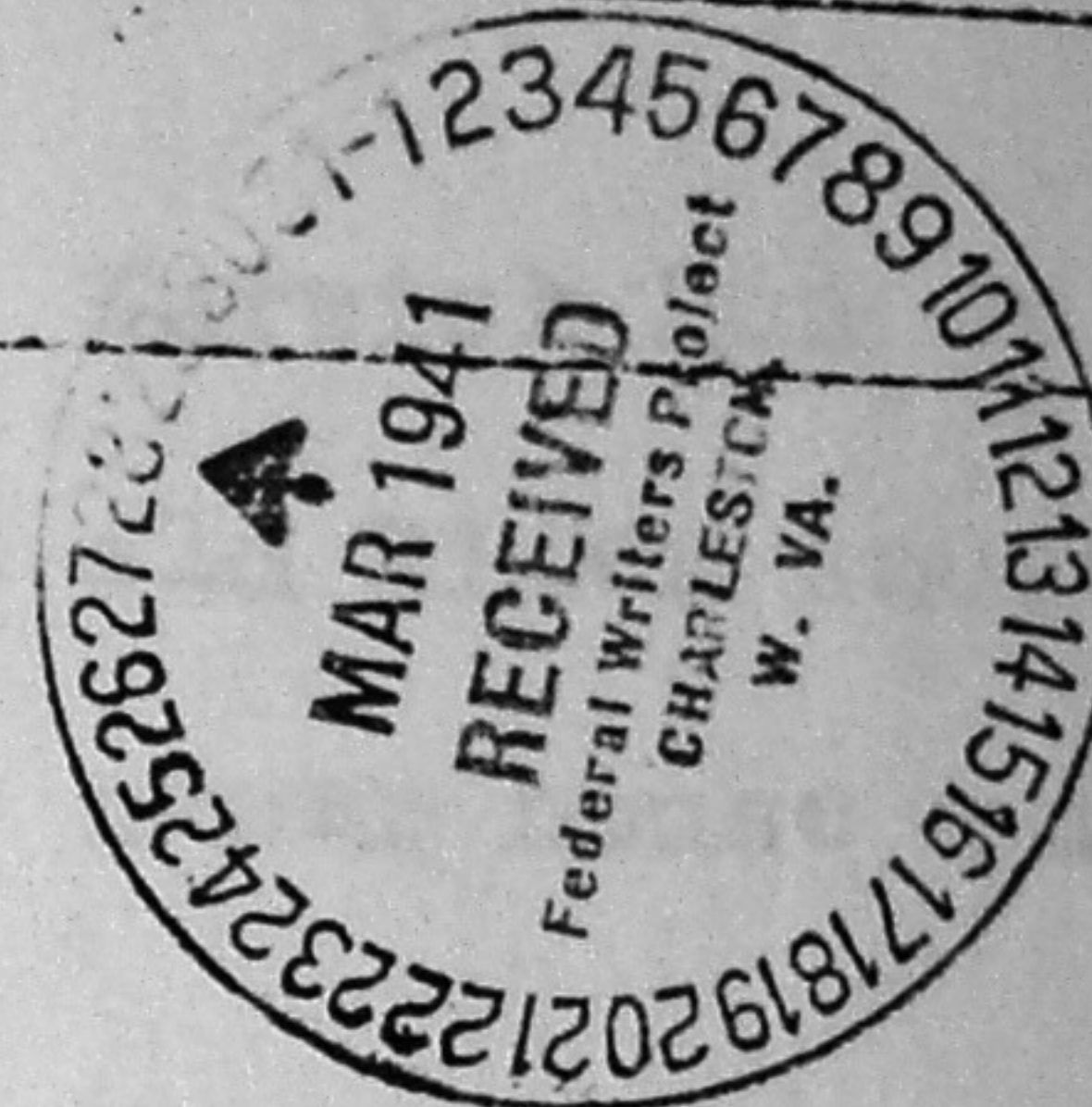
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Tilt-hammer

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Thomas Casebolt lived at Millpoint and at that time it was Cackley Town and later changed to Millpoint, this was from 1825 to 1830 that he operated a Tilt-hammer and blacksmith shop at Cackley Town now Millpoint and he was famous for the ax that he made and it was known as the (Tom Casebolt Ax) for which he found a ready sale.

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Whip Saw Operation-

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About 1866 Samuel C Rider and his son William of Warwick Run on Elk sawed lumber from logs of the Rider farm that built the old Rider house still standing today and some of the lumber used in the newer house was sawed on an Up and Down mill on Elk run by the Gibsons.

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Chapter 4--Section 4--Part a-Rafting.

About fifty years ago there was no railroad along the Greenbrier River. Logs and material were transported by the waters of the Greenbrier. Timber was cut at the head or near the head of the river and further down. During the winter months, the logs were skidded to the river and piled up in big landings. They were fixed in a way that they would have to be kicked loose before they would tumble into the river.

Before spring an ark was built on the water. This would accommodate about seventy or eighty men, or whatever number was needed to make the drive. An ark was also built for the horses. When spring opened, men were hired to make the drive down the river. The men hired for the breaking up jams had to have experience. It sometimes took six or eight weeks to make the drive down the river to Ronceverte where it was sold into lumber.

An experienced man told of a trip he once made down the river to Ronceverte and a trick played on one of the teamsters. It seems that this certain teamster was always the first man to the table when the bell rang and he did full justice to his meals. Between the two arks, there was always a board laid for a walk, which would be so completely covered with foam before morning that it would be hard to tell whether there was a walk there or